

OBEY BRIEFED ON ABBOTSFORD WATER PROJECT

ABBOTSFORD, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Abbotsford today to be briefed on how the community plans to use \$1 million in federal funding obtained by Obey last year to expand the amount of water available for both residential and industrial consumption.

“Communities can’t grow and they can’t provide decent job opportunities without strong community infrastructure such as good sewer and water systems,” said Obey. “This project should provide construction jobs and it makes a good long term investment to help Abbotsford’s economic future. Investments like these are important because not only do they improve water quality and put people to work, but they allow communities to grow and help ease the squeeze on local ratepayers at the same time.”

The City of Abbotsford requested assistance to construct a new water tower and main and a surface water treatment plant. The community anticipates construction of the project will begin in August.

Currently, Abbotsford’s water is supplied by two existing water treatment plants. However, in recent years, industrial consumption has dramatically increased water demand. The 2008 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) annual waterworks inspection for the City of Abbotsford stressed the importance of pursuing increased source capacity.

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